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CLIFFORD'S TOWER is the surviving keep of York's main medieval castle. It stands on the earth mound created by William the Conqueror in 1069 to control the second most important city in England. A second castle was located on the opposite bank of the river Ouse. At first the mound was topped by a timber tower, but this was burned down when York's small Jewish community tragically met its death here in 1190. In its place Henry III built the present stone 'four-leaf' tower in 1245. This keep remained at the heart of the castle and of Yorkshire's administration until the Civil War of 1642-45.

After a serious fire destroyed the interior in 1684, Clifford's Tower was no longer occupied. Attention shifted to the green at the foot of the mound where new law courts and prisons were built. Only when the large nineteenth-century prison was demolished in 1935 was it again possible to see and visit the tower.

This fully illustrated guidebook contains a descriptive tour of Clifford's Tower and the other remains that can be seen today, followed by a lively account of the castle's colourful past. A city map showing the main tourist attractions is included.

FRONT COVER *Clifford's Tower looking across the river Ouse showing a corner tower of the city wall*

BACK COVER *Clifford's Tower by L S Lowry (1944)*



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